

# Varsity Loses 80-55 to Hogs; Lon Morris Drops Fish, 71-60

A&M's basketball forces last night dropped a road doubleheader, the varsity losing to Arkansas, 80-

55, and the Fish bowing to Lon Morris junior college, 71-60. The varsity game was close for

the first half, the Hogs leading 33-27 at its end, but Guard Floyd Sagely popped in three straight field goals in the third period and Arkansas was "in".

Forward John Fortenberry, the Aggies' top conference scorer, sat out most of the second and third quarters after getting four quick

fouls. Forward James Addison and Guard Joe Hardgrove led the Cadets with 12 points each. Hog Center Ray Shaw led all with 14.

In the freshmen game, a "cold" second quarter by the Fish gave the Bearcats a 29-24 halftime lead, which widened to 50-39 at the end of the third period. Lon Morris had a 15-6 advantage in the second quarter scoring.

Fish guard Ted Harrod dumped in 23 points and was the only Aggie to score in double-column figures.

Fred Anderson led Consolidated Tigers play Waller tonight on the home court and have to win to stay in the running for the district 25-A title.

The Consolidated B team, undefeated in eight games, meets the Waller B squad in a 7 p. m. opener. The varsity game starts at 8:15.

Friday night the Tigers lost their first district contest to Bellville, 48-41. They now have a 3-1 league mark and a 15-2 season record and will end their district season in Sealy Friday night. The Brahmas have a 2-1 district record with three games to play.

Bellville took a 25-22 halftime lead and led, 37-33, at the three quarter mark. The score was tied, 10-all, at the end of the first quarter.

The Tigers had beaten Bellville, 48-40, here earlier in the season.

# Tigers Play Waller Here

A&M Consolidated high school's Tigers play Waller tonight on the home court and have to win to stay in the running for the district 25-A title.

Fred Anderson led Consolidated with 12 points. Witte and Sica had 14 and 12, respectively, for the Brahmas.

In the curtain-raiser, the Tiger B team, sparked by Norman Floeck's 12 points, won a 35-18 decision.

## Gallagher Called Wrong on Ag Track

By JERRY WIZIG  
Battalion Sports Editor

With one blinding exception, A&M hasn't had too much to boast about the last few years in the matter of winning Southwest conference championships in the major sports—football, baseball, basketball and track.

That one exception is the track teams of Col. Frank G. Anderson and Ray Putnam.

In the past seven seasons, the track boys have won the conference title six times—a pretty fair batting average.

Yet, in Saturday's issue of the Houston Post, Jack Gallagher wrote that "A&M's method of awarding full track scholarships on the basis of a first in the Southwest conference meet, four-fifths of a scholarship for second place, etc., is responsible for the Aggies' DECLINE in the sport."

That word DECLINE was a big slip, but it wasn't even the first one. The headline read, "Aggies Tie Up Scholarships And the Track Team Suffers."

The real fact is that A&M does NOT tie up its track scholarships.

This is the way the system works, as explained by Col. Andy:

### Rewards Those Who 'Come Through'

On an average, about one-fourth of the amount of money allowed him by the athletic department is used in helping freshman track men. The other three-fourths is used in helping varsity competitors who have proven their ability in competition.

Through this method of encouraging and rewarding those track men who "come through" the most, A&M does not tie up its track resources in high school stars who

may or may not be stars in college competition.

Col. Andy emphasized that this does not mean the Cadets do not go after high school stars. "We are perfectly willing to award full scholarships to very outstanding high school stars," he said. "But we don't believe in giving a boy a full scholarship just because he may have won a state title, although we sometimes offer them partial aid."

### Ragsdale Was Good Example

To bolster his position, Anderson brought up the case of Bobby Ragsdale, last year's high point man at the SWC meet. "Why, that boy came from nothing to be the conference's high scorer," he said. "He came here without any kind of help except an Opportunity Award." Ragsdale later was given a full scholarship.

In reply to Gallagher's comments, Anderson said, "I was just trying to tell him that I didn't think we would win the championship again this year. I had no idea that he would think I was finding fault with our scholarship

set-up, which I think has proven to be a good one and which we hope will pay off again in the long run."

Said Anderson, "I think our scholarship set-up is better for these reasons:

We can divide up the same amount of funds among more good boys.

We can reward boys for achievement in proportion to their efforts, rather than live up to contracts for full scholarships made to high school stars who in some cases never get eligible or win very few points at the conference meet."

### Gallagher Wrong On Ag Record

Anderson also added, "I'm certainly not unhappy with our showing of the last few seasons. In fact, I think it'll be good for us to have to fight to take second place for a change."

Oh, by the way, Mr. Gallagher, you said that the Aggies had been SWC track champs seven of the last eight seasons. Thanks for the unintentional pat on the back, but the record book shows six in the last seven seasons—1947, '48, '49, '51, '52 and '53. However, you may be right when the end of the season rolls around.

## Mural Officers To Meet Thursday

The first meeting of the intramural athletic officers for the second semester will be held in room 301, Goodwin hall, at 5 p. m. Thursday to discuss the new entry forms and give each unit its present intramural ranking.

This is a very important meeting and all officers are urged to be present, said Barney Welch, director of intramural athletics.

There will be no intramural events this week because of the start of the new semester.

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A&M (56)	Fg	Pt	Pt	Tp
Fortenberry, J.	2	4	5	8
Addison, J.	2	8	3	32
Mellheney, J.	0	0	0	0
Honeyey, J.	1	0	1	2
Martin, C.	2	3	2	7
Hearne, C.	1	1	1	1
McCrooy, G.	3	3	3	10
Harngrove, E.	4	1	1	12
Boring, J.	1	2	5	4
Kennedy, G.	0	0	4	0
Totals	15	25	24	56

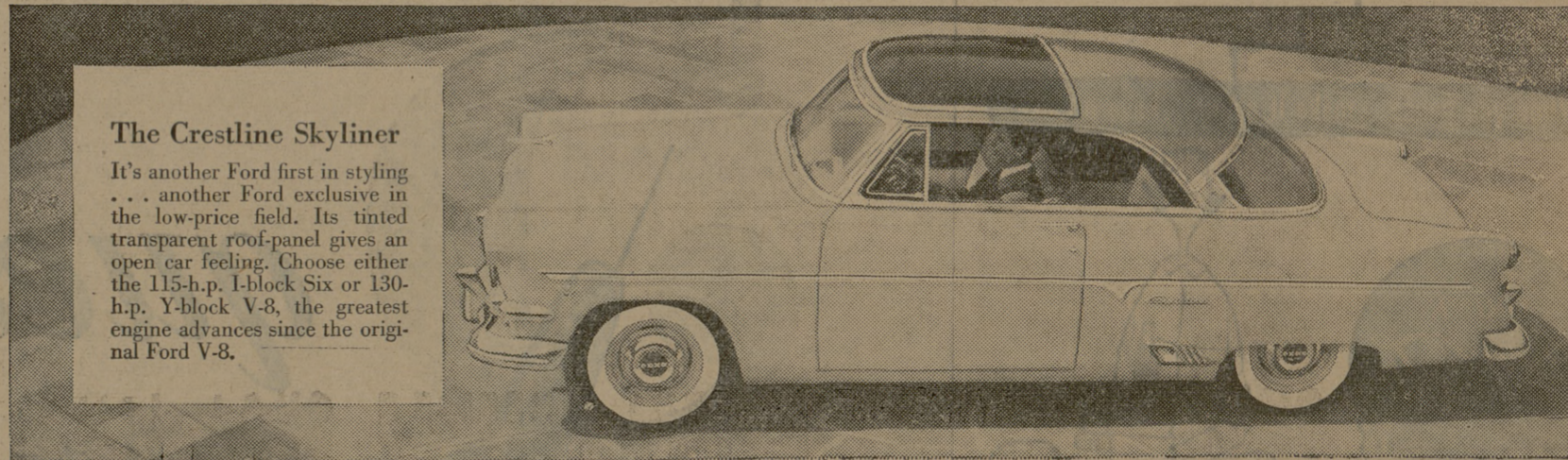
ARKANSAS (80)	Fg	Pt	Pt	Tp
Elkins, J.	2	3	2	7
E. Smith, J.	1	2	5	4
N. Smith, J.	2	3	2	7
Adams, J.	3	1	4	7
Telford, J.	0	0	0	0
Shaw, C.	6	2	3	14
Barnett, G.	4	1	2	9
Sagely, G.	5	1	3	11
McDonald, E.	0	0	2	0
Scroggins, E.	4	2	2	10
Saller, G.	1	2	2	4
Cable, G.	2	3	1	7
Givens, G.	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	20	28	80

FRESHMEN MOX SCORES	Fg	Pt	Pt	Tp
A&M (60)	2	1	5	5
Gattis, J.	2	1	2	5
Smith, J.	2	1	2	5
Harrod, J.	10	3	4	23
Stephens, J.	0	0	3	0
Phillips, J.	2	1	1	5
Harvey, J.	2	3	3	7
Blood, J.	2	1	4	5
Penfield, J.	1	0	3	2
Totals	25	10	30	60

BOX SCORE	Fg	Pt	Pt	Pt
Consolidated (41)	4	1	1	9
Conner, J.	1	0	0	2
Beasley, J.	1	3	2	5
Bonnen, J.	1	5	2	7
Jackson, J.	1	5	4	12
Anderson, J.	2	2	0	6
Carroll, J.	2	0	0	4
Totals	14	13	9	41

Consolidated (41)	Fg	Pt	Pt	Pt
Bellville (48)	2	2	2	6
Wright, J.	4	1	5	9
Uechert, J.	1	2	3	4
Sica, J.	6	0	3	12
Koehn, J.	1	2	3	4
Moon, J.	1	1	2	3
Witte, J.	7	0	0	14
Totals	21	6	15	48

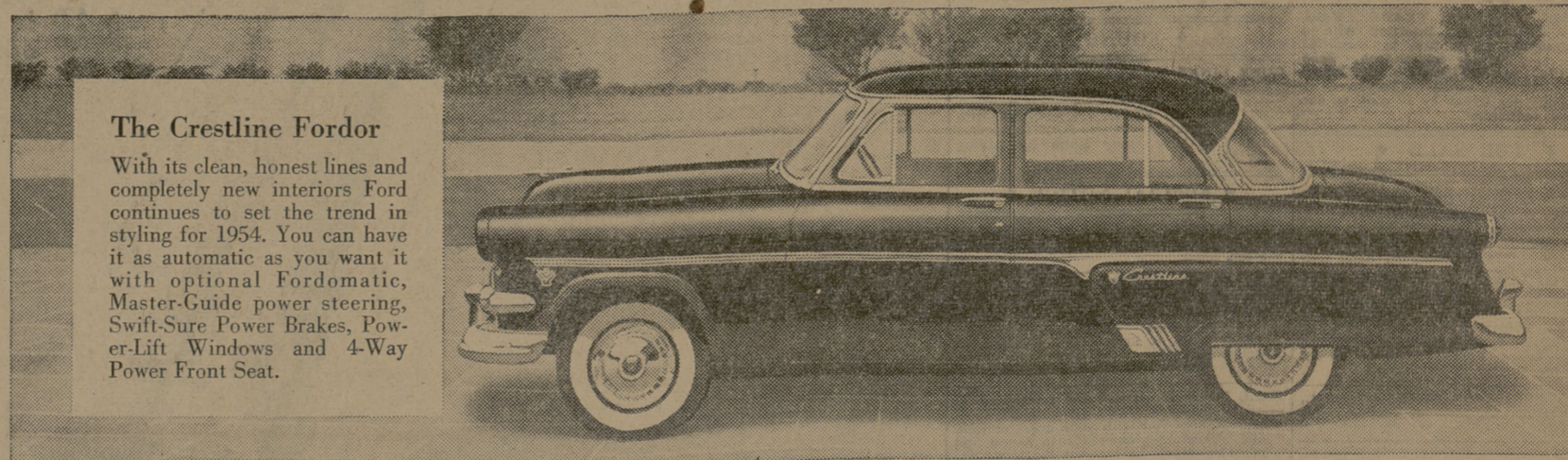
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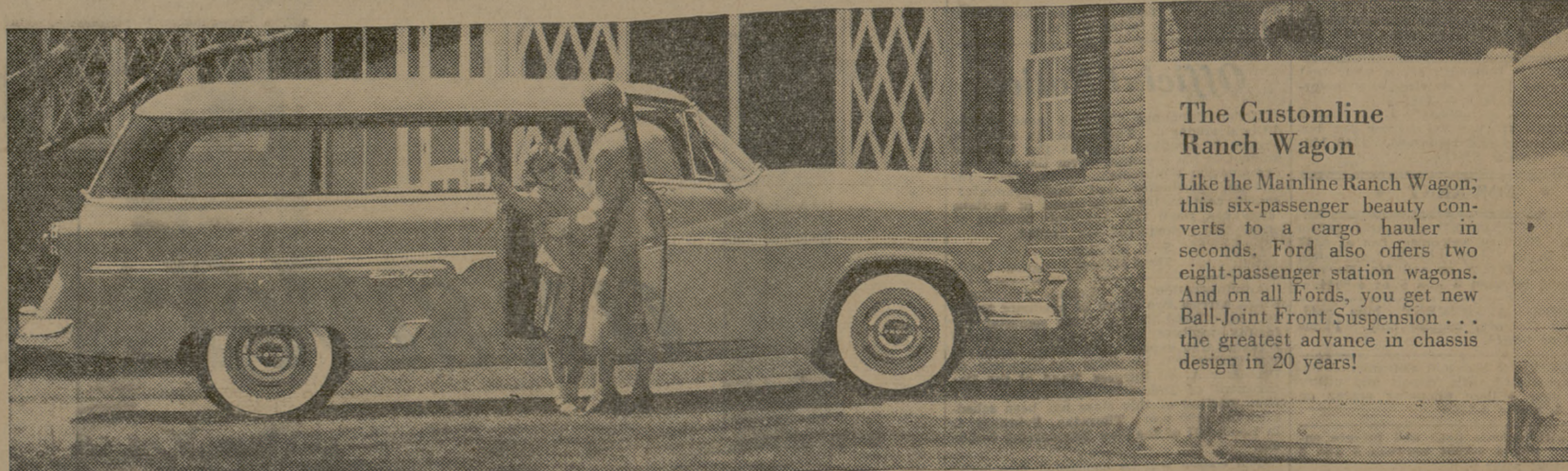
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